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Date: April 11, 2016

Description: Man arrested in connection with murder of Felicia Spruell-Jones

Nevada County Sheriff's Office confirm they have arrested Maurice Di Aundra Rogers as a person of interest in the murder of Felicia Spruell-Jones.

According to police, a law enforcement bulletin was issued in the State of Nevada and greater Sacramento area listing a vehicle and person of interest in the murder shortly after the discovery and identification of Spruell-Jones body off Interstate 80 at the Farad exit east of Truckee.

Rogers was believed to be driving an early 2000's white Cadillac 4-door Deville with paper Nevada temporary registration. Authorities from Nevada County and Reno Police Department began an exhaustive search for Rogers and his vehicle. Authorities say numerous interviews were conducted in the City of Reno and evidence was collected in the form of surveillance footage, location and times of lodging, as well as financial transactions.

On Friday, April 8, 2016, detectives located a vehicle and person they believed to be Rogers based off of the bulletin they had received. Sacramento Police officers detained the subject and identified him as Rogers. The Nevada County Sheriff's Office was contacted and detectives from the Major Crimes Unit arrived at the location and took over the investigation.

Rogers' vehicle was impounded as evidence, and he was taken into custody and transported back to the Nevada County jail where he was booked on murder charges and is being held without bail.

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Date: April 11, 2016

Description: Juvenile arrested on vehicle burglary charges after traffic stop in south Reno Washoe County Sheriff's Office Patrol Deputies report they arrested a male juvenile last week as part of an investigation into a series of vehicle burglaries in south Reno.

Authorities say during the week of March 21, several vehicle burglaries were reported in the Joy Lake Road area south of Mt. Rose Highway, and in the Arrowcreek area.

On March 29, during a routine traffic stop, deputies located items inside the vehicle that matched the description of some of the stolen property from the burglaries.

After further investigation, officials say they confirmed the items were related to the burglaries and the juvenile driver of the vehicle was arrested on charges of stolen property on April 6, 2016.

This is an ongoing investigation that may involve additional suspects. Anyone who may have information related to this case is asked to call the Sheriff's Office Patrol Division at (775) 328-3350. Officials also remind citizens to take precaution to avoid vehicle burglaries.

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Date: April 11 & 12, 2016

Description: Reno police arrest suspect in cases of kidnapping, sexual assault

A 19-year-old man was arrested on suspicion of kidnapping and sexual assault, according to a statement from the Reno Police Department.

David Morales-Calderon of Sun Valley was identified as the suspect in two separate cases reported in April 2016.

Police learned about one case on April 3, 2016, in which a female victim was picked up by a man in the downtown area earlier that evening.

The man drove the victim to a secluded area, and when she tried to get away, the man choked her from behind, according to police. She woke to find the man pointing a gun at her and telling her to undress.

They continued to drive until the man stopped at a convenience store in the Sun Valley area, police said. The victim got out of the car and went to a nearby casino for help.

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Police on April 6 learned about another case, in which the victim said she was picked up by a man in the area of 4th and Ralston streets.

This man had the same description as the suspect from the case reported April 3. The victim was taken to a remote location north of Golden Valley, according to police, and she was sexually assaulted and dropped off on a nearby road. A passerby found her and took her for help.

Morales-Calderon was arrested and booked at Washoe County Jail, where he is being held without bail, police said. He was booked on 1st-degree kidnapping, battery by strangulation, battery with attempt to commit a sexual assault, assault with a deadly weapon, false imprisonment and sexual assault.

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Date: April 11 & 12, 2016

Description: Neighbors grow frustrated with Judy Black death investigation

This month marks two years since a Storey County woman was found dead in her home in the Virginia City Highlands.

It's a case that was first classified as an accident and then later ruled a homicide.

But now, two years after the fact, the case is still unsolved, and those in charge do not want to talk about it.

Others, like Gail and Marty Bischoff, are speaking out. The Bischoffs lost a neighbor and a good friend two years ago when Judy Black was found dead at the bottom of the stairs in her home. "We kind of joked that we were going to grow old as neighbors together," Gail told us during a recent interview at her home.

Instead, the Bischoffs now find themselves gazing out at the house where Judy lived with her husband Brett, wondering what happened to her. They also wonder why, two years later, no one's been able to answer that question.

"We kind of had high hopes after the new D.A. took over in Storey County," Gail said. "It's frustrating to be waiting month after month after month and keep hearing something might happen soon. And we don't even know what that something might be."

Gail's husband Marty shares the same frustration over the case.

"I think the general feeling from everybody is, what's going on? Is anything being done to find out what happened to Judy?" he asks.

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The sequence of events is puzzling: First a press release was sent out shortly after Judy's death in April of 2014 from Sheriff Gerald Antinoro declaring her death an accident.

And the Sheriff was unwavering when we asked him about it at the time.

"It's been thoroughly examined, thoroughly investigated," Antinoro told News 4 during an on camera interview less than a month after Judy's death.

But after News 4 obtained a copy of Judy's autopsy report detailing the dozens of injuries she'd suffered, including head injuries and multiple broken ribs, Antinoro changed his mind and ruled the death a homicide.

But he never explained why.

Storey County District Attorney Anne Langer has declined to speak on camera, but she told News 4 by phone that her office is "diligently pursuing the Black case." That's all she would say.

We had hoped to speak with Judy's husband Brett for this story. We even stopped by his house in the Virginia City Highlands on two different occasions. He declined though, telling us his attorney has advised him not to speak about it. Brett was home the night Judy was killed, but he has not been named a suspect. No one has. And as time drags on, that is a growing source of frustration for those who knew Judy.

"She was a good person," Gail Bischoff said. "She deserves to have people know what happened to her and for us to have some reconciliation, I think."

Anne Langer, the Storey County District Attorney, is hoping to have Judy Black's body exhumed from the grave in order to gather more evidence. But so far that has not happened. And Sheriff Gerald Antinoro refuses to discuss the case. He does claim that News 4 has twisted the facts of the story.

The bottom line is - no arrest and no suspect; Just a growing mystery on the Comstock.

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Date: April 12, 2016

Description: Sparks man sentenced to life in prison in child lewdness case

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A Sparks' man has been sentenced to life in prison with the possibility of parole in a lewdness with a child case from October 2013, according to a news release from the Washoe County District Attorney's Office.

Jericho James Brioady, 36, was sentenced on Monday, April 11, by the Honorable Judge Scott Freeman on two counts of lewdness with a child under the age of 14, the statement read.

Brioady was found guilty in January after a five-day jury trial. He was sentenced to life in prison with the possibility of parole after 10 years for each of the two counts, the DA's office stated.

When paroled on the life sentence, Brioady will be subjected to lifetime supervision by the Division of Parole and Probation and will have to register as a sex offender, according to the statement.

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Date: April 13, 2016

Description: US Marshals: Lawyer convicted in Reno, on run for 14 years arrested in Arizona A former lawyer on the run since failing to report to a Nevada prison following a 2002 tax conviction has been arrested in Arizona.

U.S. Marshals Service officials said Tuesday that 74-year-old Palle Bognaes was taken into custody last week in Phoenix and has been transferred to the custody of the Bureau of Prisons to begin serving his original six-year sentence.

Bognaes was convicted in 2001 following a two-week jury trial in Reno, Nevada. He was found guilty of conspiracy to defraud the United States, obstructing the administration of the internal revenue laws, tax evasion and failure to file income tax returns.

Prosecutors say Bognaes created unincorporated business organizations for his clients. He was sentenced to 80 months in prison in January 2002, but failed to report two months later.

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Date: April 13 & 14, 2016

Description: 2 arrested in Carson City meth bust

Authorities said two people were arrested after almost a pound of methamphetamine was seized on Wednesday, CarsonNow.org reported.

Mardell Johnson, 41, and Desire Lyn Kissel-Hunziker, 25, both of Reno, were arrested following a month-long Tri-NET Narcotic Task Force investigation, the report stated.

The two allegedly had about \$45,000 worth of the drug when they were arrested at a fast-food restaurant in Carson City, according to the report.

Sgt. Dan Johnson of the Tri-NET Narcotic Task Force said the bust highlights the fact that more and more drug supply sources are coming to Carson City from Reno, according to the report.

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Date: May 16, 2016

Description: Drug traffickers, gang members among 87 foreign nationals in Reno, Las Vegas arrested

The U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) reports that convicted drug traffickers and known street gang members were among 87 foreign nationals arrested in the Reno and Las Vegas areas last week as part of an operation targeting at-large criminal aliens.

ICE Enforcement and Removal Officers (ERO) reportedly conducted an operation that concluded Friday, focusing on individuals who posed a threat to public safety. 65 targets were arrested in and around Las Vegas and 22 were arrested in the Reno area.

Officials say that 20 had prior felony connections, and two were documented members of violent street gangs. Last week's arrestees' criminal histories included past convictions for drug trafficking, weapons, weapons violations, child sex offenses, and domestic violence, according to officials. Officers report that four taken into custody were criminal aliens who now face federal prosecution for re-entry after deportation, which is a felony punishable by up to 20 years in prison.

The Reno arrests included a 33-year-old Mexican national with pas convictions for drug trafficking, domestic battery, and a DUI. They also included a 19-year-old national gang member with prior convictions for resisting an officer and robbery.

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Date: May 16 & 17, 2016

Description: Dr. Robert Rand does not enter plea during Reno federal court appearance

Dr. Robert Rand did not enter a plea during his appearance in federal court Monday in Reno. Rand has been indicted and charged with taking part in a criminal prescription drug distribution ring.

His next court appearance is scheduled for Thursday. He was booked into Washoe County Jail sometime Monday afternoon following his court appearance.

His attorney, John Arrascada, told News 4 that Rand would plead not guilty to all charges. Eight other people have been indicted by a federal grand jury. All eight have pleaded not guilty to the charges they face individually, though only Richard Winston West II remains detained.

Doctor Robert Rand will be arraigned in Federal Court at 3 p.m. to enter a plea on charges of conspiracy to distribute and possess with intent to distribute controlled substances, such as oxycodone, according to officials.

Rand is also charged with one count of distribution of oxycodone resulting in death and one count of distribution of fentanyl.

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Date: May 16, 2016

Description: Reno police investigate vehicle vs. pedestrian crash on Lakeside Drive

Reno police say the man who was struck by the vehicle was not in a crosswalk at the time of the crash. They say he was taken to the hospital with major injuries.

The crash remains under investigation, but police say the driver does not appear to be at fault, and drugs, alcohol nor speed are believed to be factors in the crash.

Officers received the call regarding the crash shortly after 4 p.m. Sunday afternoon. The victim was transported to the hospital in unknown condition.

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The Major Accident Investigation Team was called out to look into the crash. Officials say Lakeside Drive was closed between Singing Wood and Fern Leaf Drives, for about two hours during the investigation.

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Date: May 18, 2016

Description: Reno Police investigating Linden St. shooting

Reno police are investigating a shooting that happened around 10 Tuesday night. It happened in the 200 block of Linden Street near the intersection of Yori Avenue.

Police say officers responded to several calls of between 4 and 7 shots fired.

When they arrived, they found 4 shell casings on the ground and a vehicle that was hit in the trunk by a bullet.

They say the gang unit was called out, but they are unsure whether or not this was gang related. Anyone with information is asked to call Secret Witness at 322-4900.

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Date: May 18 & 19, 2016

Description: Body believed to be missing Dayton woman found in Storey County

Lyon County Sheriff's Office reports that a body has been found in the search for 60-year-old Toni Davis from Dayton and a suspect is in custody.

Lyon County Investigation Bureau Commander Rob Hall tells News 4 that it is the body of Toni Davis. An autopsy will be performed on Wednesday, May 18, 2016 to determine the cause of death and to make a positive identification.

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55-year-old James Hamrick of Dayton has been arrested in connection with the death. He is currently being held at the Lyon County Detention Center in Yerington and charged with open murder with a no bail hold.

Davis went missing in the afternoon of Thursday, April 28. Officials tell News 4 the body was found in the area of Six Mile Canyon in a remote location in Storey County the evening of May 17, 2016.

The Lyon County Sheriff's Office is asking for anyone who may have any information regarding this case to please contact the Sheriff's Office (Agency Case Number: 16LY01489) at 775-577-5206 or Secret Witness at 775-322-4900.

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Date: May 20 & 21, 2016

Description: Sun Valley man sentenced for attempting to intimidate a witness in domestic violence case

The Washoe County District Attorney reports that a Sun Valley man has been sentenced to five years in prison for attempting to intimidate a witness to influence testimony in relation to a domestic violence case in which he sprayed a female victim in the face with bear mace on January 7, 2015.

Officials say 27-year-old Andrew Mikel Kearney from Sun Valley made several calls from jail to the victim in an attempt to prevent her from testifying. Kearney can be heard in the calls making intimidating statements to the victim, and saying he would file criminal charges against her for filing a false police report.

Kearney had initially been sentenced to 180 days in jail for the domestic battery conviction. His five year sentence for bribery or intimidation of a witness to influence testimony will run consecutively with his jail term.

Kearney plead guilty in both cases. He will have to serve a minimum of two years in prison before he is eligible for parole.

Officials say this highlights the challenges associated with prosecuting cases involving domestic violence and working with victims of abuse. The Washoe County District Attorney's Office established a new program in the fall of 2015 within its Investigations Division to enhance prosecution of domestic violence cases through improved victim contact.

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Date: May 21, 2016

Description: Sheriff's office: 2 arrested after missing 8-year-old boy found in Fernley

Lyon County Sheriff's Office spokesman Michael Carlson says the two people arrested in this case are 8-year-old Camron Ritchson's babysitters.

The Lyon County Sheriff's Office announced that two people were arrested in connection with the overnight disappearance of an 8-year-old boy in Fernley.

William McClean and Betty Bond were both arrested for child neglect, according to a post on the sheriff's office Facebook page. Bail for McClean was set at \$2,500, and bail for Bond was set at \$3,500, which includes a \$1,000 bail on an outstanding warrant, the post read.

Sheriff's office spokesman Michael Carlson said 8-year-old Camron Ritchson was found at about 10 a.m. Saturday in the same area where he was last seen Friday night. He said the boy was in good health. Camron has been reunited with his parents and is glad to be home.

No other details were immediately available. Carlson says the incident is still being investigated

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Date: June 14, 2016

Description: Reno police respond to report of assault on Harvard Way

A man has surrendered to police after allegedly threatening tenants in an apartment complex in the area of 1000 Harvard Way, according to Reno Police.

The response began at about 10:40 a.m. when officers received the report of an assault with a deadly weapon. Several witnesses told officers the man who threatened tenants as in his car in a nearby parking lot, police said.

Officers found the man, who said he had a bomb in his car. Members of the Crisis Intervention and Negotiation Team responded and spent about 25 minutes negotiating with him before he surrendered, according to a statement.

Authorities searched the car and found no evidence of a bomb.

The man, identified as 75-year-old Jerry Roberts, did not have any weapons aside from a large stick, police said at the scene. Roberts was arrested on suspicion of obstructing and resisting officers.

Anyone with information about this case is asked to contact the Reno Police Department at 334-2175, Secret Witness at 322-4900, www.secretwitness.com, or text the tip to 847411 (TIP 411) keyword - SW.

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Date: June 13, 14, 15, 16, 2016

Description: Amber Alert issued for three missing Idaho children last seen in Sparks

An Amber Alert has been issued for three Caldwell children while police are looking for their mother's boyfriend, a 37-year-old Caldwell man who's wanted on a charge of sex abuse of a child.

Police are looking for Lewis Dunn, 10, Kaylee Dunn, 9, and Kadyn Simon, 6, who are believed to be with Jason "Travis" Simon. The children are believed to be in imminent danger.

They were last seen in Sparks, Nevada on Sunday. Detectives say Simon and his girlfriend, Sarah Joy VanOcker-Dunn, share a house in Caldwell with her three children, who are between the ages of six and ten years old. The sheriff's office believes one of the children is a victim of Simon's.

A warrant has also been issued for VanOcker-Dunn for felony charge of custodial interference. Investigators believe her hair might be dyed red.

Deputies say when they went to the home to execute a search warrant, the couple became aware that law enforcement was looking for Simon and they fled with the children before they arrived.

The sheriff's office says the couple and the three children were seen in Emmett borrowing camping gear from family members of VanOcker-Dunn on June 2. The couple and the children were believed to have been camping in Sweet, Ola, or Valley County to avoid arrest in the time shortly after being seen in Emmett.

Police say they are likely driving around in VanOcker-Dunn's gold 2006 Pontiac Montana with a license plate that reads 2CJN683.

The Nevada Department of Public Safety is asking anyone with information to call 911.

UPDATE: June 18, 2016

Idaho children last seen in Sparks, at center of Amber Alert found safe

Three missing Caldwell children at the center of an Amber Alert investigation have been found safe in Frisco, Colo., Saturday, according to Caldwell Police.

Police tell KBOI 2News Jason "Travis" Simon and Sarah Joy VanOcker-Dunn are in custody. Lewis Dunn, Kaylee Dunn and Kadyn Simon are in the care of local child protection services.

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Family members say they are preparing to leave for Colorado to be reunited with the children. Caldwell Police detectives will travel to Vail tomorrow to continue with the investigation.

An Amber Alert was issued earlier this week nearly two weeks after Sarah Joy VanOcker-Dunn and 37-year-old Jason "Travis" Simon took off with three children. Authorities said the children had last been seen in Sparks, Nevada, on Sunday, June 12.

Family members started rallying for an Amber Alert to be issued in the Treasure Valley after finding that Simon had been charged with sexual abuse of a child.

Family members told police Lewis Dunn, 10, Kaylee Dunn, 9, and Kadyn Simon, 6, are believed to be in imminent danger.

Jesse Dunn, the biological father of two of the children, posted to his Facebook page claiming the suspects were in custody Saturday morning.